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SUBJECT: SOVIET PARLIMENTARY DELEGATION IN
COSTA RICA

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1. THE SOVIET DELEGATION WHICH ARRIVED MARCH 1#
(REFAIR) HAS BEGUN A BUSY WEEKLONG SCHEDULE OF
CEREMONY, VISITS, AND HAS ENCOUNTERED SOME POLITICAL
FLAK.

2. THE SEVEN-MAN DELEGATION WAS RECEIVED MARCH 11
BY THE COSTA RICAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
WHERE COMMUNIST DEPUTY EDUARDO MORA (PASO)
REPORTEDLY PRAISED THE VISIT AS "A DAY OF GREAT
SIGNIFICANCE FOR THE PEOPLE OF COSTA RICA AND FOR
THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY." THE SOVIET DELEGATION
RETURNED THE PRAISE AND AWARDED A COMMEMORATIVE
MEDAL TO ALFONSO CARRO, PRESIDENT OF THE ASSEMBLY.
THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE SUPREME SOVIET,
PETR YAKUBOVICH STRAUTMANIS, HEAD OF THE
DELEGATION, ASLO ISSUED AN INVITATION TO THE
ASSEMBLY TO SEND A DELEGATION TO THE USSR
"AT AN OPPORTUNE TIME FOR BOTH COUNTRIES,"
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ACCORDING TO THE PRESS.

3. ONLY SOUR NOTE SO FAR WAS A PUBLIC STATEMENT BY SEVEN CONSERVATIVE DEPUTIES (NATIONAL INDEPENDENTS AND NATIONAL UNIFICATION-- TREJISTAS) PROTESTING THE PRESENCE OF THE DELEGATION IN THE ASSEMBLY. A LETTER FROM THE PROTESTING DEPUTIES PUBLISHED IN THE MAJOR PAPERS, STATED THAT THE SIGNING DEPUTIES FELT IT IMPROPER TO RENDER SUCH COURTESIES TO

PARLIAMENTARIANS WHO WERE NOT FREELY ELECTED AND WHO REPRESENTED A "DESPOTIC" GOVERNMENT. THEY STATE THEY WOULD NOT ATTEND THE ASSEMBLY CEREMONY BECAUSE IT WOULD COMPROMISE THEIR PRINCIPLES.

4. THE AGENDA OF THE SOVIET DELEGATION, ACCORDING TO "LA NACION" INCLUDES CONVERSATIONS WITH UN CHIEFTAIN FRANCISCO CALDERON GUARDIA AND EX-PRESIDENT JOSE FIGUERES, VISITS TO BOTH PORT CITIES, LIMON AND PUNTARENAS, AND TO THE NEW PORT BEING CONSTRUCTED IN CALDERA. THE SOVIETS WILL VISIT SEVERAL HOSPITALS, ELECTRIC INSTALLATIONS, AND THE CATTLE PROVINCE OF GUANACASTE, AND HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE ON SATURDAY MARCH 15. THE DELEGATION DEPARTS MARCH 17.
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